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Dear Jim:

Concerning the question of services to Sharq al Adna and Cyprus broadcasting station which was referred to Mr. Marriott in January, a reply has now been received from Marriott, pertinent paragraphs of which are quoted below:

"The position seems to be that Sharq al Adna are likely to make requests to your Mediterranean Bureau only rarely and in cases of emergency. In the normal course of events they do their own monitoring of Near East stations and use our reports for general background, but it occasionally happens that there is a crisis in some country which they are unable to monitor and where a direct report from Kyrenia can be of assistance to them. They appreciate that your Mediterranean Bureau has no obligations towards them and are not likely to make requests very often, but if they do and Clark is able to help it would be appreciated.

"The position with regard to the Cyprus broadcasting station is covered by what was said in my previous letter, namely, help wherever possible when it does not interfere with your own work. I shall assume unless I hear any more that requests of any kind are not frequent and can easily be met by Kyrenia, but if there is any systematic demand for their material or if they have trouble of any kind, I shall be glad to know of it."

In filling requests from Sharq al Adna I think it desirable that undue publicity be avoided since one of the original reasons for disassociating FBIS from that station was to avoid an appearance of a tie-in between a U.S. Government organization and a British propaganda activity. With this in mind there is no objection to discreet compliance with occasional specific requests which you may receive from Sharq. In the case of the Cyprus broadcasting station, compliance with such requests as may be met without interference with our own operations would be desirable in the interest of continued good relations with the Cyprus Government.

Mr. Marriott's letter arrived too late to forward to [] at Cyprus, and is being sent to him in London. Should he have further comments on the question, I am sure that he will advise you.

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Sincerely,

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